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KMT Not Protesting Over Transfer Of Railway Cars



Today

Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
HK Stage Club presents "Duet for Two Hands" at China Fleet Club Theatre, 8 p.m.
Launching of Ferry Launch Electric Star, at Kowloon Dock, 2.30 p.m.
Laying of Foundation Stones of new Chapel of St. Stephen's College at Stanley, 3.15 p.m.
School Athletic Meeting, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
The H. Classical Concert, 5 p.m.
Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Stage Club presents party members to assemble at Queen's Theatre, 8 p.m.
Tombola of 8 p.m.
League of Y.M.C.A. American Group, 8 p.m.
League of Y.M.C.A. Chinese Art Group, 8 p.m.

Court Brevities

Chen Nam, unemployed, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and forfeiture of life by Mr. Justice Williams at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition without a permit.

On a charge of being a member of the Luen Yung Taid Society, an unlawful society, Ho Kai of 25, Yau Tung Street, was sentenced to 10 months by Mr. Williams at Kowloon yesterday.

Fines totalling \$1,515 were imposed on nine Kowloon stores by Mr. Williams at Kowloon yesterday when their representatives were summoned for violations of price control regulations. Mr. H. Pittman of the Price Control Office, prosecuted.

Annual Report Of Agricultural Dept.

The Government Agricultural Station at Kam Tin in the New Territories has been enlarged by four acres, states the 1948-49 annual report of the Agricultural Department.

Total acreage of the Station today is about 35 acres. Land in the Station is gradually being cultivated. The average yield a mow of the first crop of rice in 1947 was 191 catties and the autumn crop was 132 catties.

The yield increased in 1948 to 236 catties for the first crop and 265 catties for the autumn crop.

Land lying to the West of the Kam Tin farm road was leased on a yearly basis to local villagers, about 170 tenants.

The tenants on the remaining 60 acres, along the East side of the farm road, were told that they would have to quit by July as it is proposed to extend the Station right down to the main road, making the extension into a Cattle Station for the investigation of fodder crops, grassland management etc.

A small dam has been built above the Station, with the assistance of neighbouring farmers. Water from this dam is shared with the local farmers. In addition to the dam, a paddy store was built by F.W.D. and a concrete drying shed built down.

An investigation has been started in an attempt to decide whether it is possible to use economic to grow three crops a year in districts that have no adequate water supply. Some 42 varieties of paddy are under trial and while it is too early to give the result of the trial, it seems that it is possible to grow three crops a year but whether it is economic has yet to be decided.

Nightsoil is matured at Castle Peak in concrete tanks under anaerobic conditions for 28 days. After this period it is said to be free from pathogenic bacteria.

In March, one more tank was added to the existing battery of five tanks. Each tank has a capacity of 130 tons and the monthly output of nightsoil has risen to about 8,000 tons.

The nightsoil is sold to the farmer at 95 cents a picul. It collected from Castle Peak or at \$1.25 if delivered to the farmer. The nightsoil is sold to the farmer as a selling agent on a commission basis.

During the year 1947, 101 piculs of matured nightsoil were sold to farmers and realised \$9,211.00. The supply of nightsoil for the means of the demand and efforts are being made to increase the output.

The Chinese Nationalist Government regards the action of the British management of the Kowloon-Canton Railway in turning over nine passenger cars to the Communists at Kowloon on Wednesday as justified and will not protest it.

Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Kwangtung-Kwangsi, told the "China Mail" this yesterday.

Youth To Stand Trial On Arms Charge

The story of how a Police party headed by Detective Sub-Inspector C. A. A. Nicol, acting on information received, went to the Sun Sun Restaurant in Shaikwan on September 29 and arrested a young Chinese in possession of a Mauser pistol and six rounds of ammunition was recounted at Central yesterday.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo committed Chin Kwong aged 19, to stand trial at the next Sessions on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition without a permit.

DSI Nicol conducted the case for the prosecution and said that the Police party found needed in a cubicle alone having food.

Detective Police Sergeant Chu Sun went up to accused, told him that they were police officers and instructed him to put up his hands. Accused did so but attempted to struggle. Accused was searched and a Mauser pistol was found inside his waistcoat. Later accused was found sitting on six rounds of ammunition.

Accused was subsequently charged with the possession of arms and ammunition without a licence. The charge was read and explained to him. Interpreter Robert Mak, in a cautious statement, accused said: "I have nothing to say. I do not know the law of Hong Kong."

The police went to the hut where accused was staying on the hillside above Kau Kwong Street, Shamshuipo, in search of further arms, but nothing was found.

Mr. Kwok said the cars involved belong to a private company, the Kiangnan Company, and are not Nationalist Government property. A practical objection to their transfer cannot be lodged in these circumstances, he said.

The Commissioner made these remarks when approached for the official Nationalist attitude on the transfer of the cars, the first tangible evidence of the possible reversion of British-Communist negotiations for the resumption of the railway service between Kowloon and Canton.

"The Minister of Railways" Mr. Kwok said, "has been instructed to lodge a formal protest in any Nationalist Government property, as handed over to Canton. So far he is satisfied that none has been."

When Canton fell to the Communists, he said, the Minister of Railways handed Mr. J. B. Trevor, Manager of the British section of the railway, a list of property and rolling stock over which the Nationalist Government claims ownership. Mr. Trevor has maintained the Nationalist position since then and has virtually impounded all moveables mentioned in the list.

The nine cars transferred on Wednesday, do not belong to the British, and as far as the Nationalist Government is concerned the position has not changed. Mr. Kwok said.

His revelation lends credence to reports that the Communist authorities in Canton are demanding as a condition of the resumption of through service the transfer to them of all Chinese rolling stock held by the British in Kowloon.

When Canton fell on October 14 some Chinese rolling stock which was in British territory could not make the journey back because of the suspension of through service. Despite strenuous negotiations undertaken by Mr. Trevor, who held in October, made a special journey to Canton, the service remains broken at the British-Chinese border where passengers have to alight from one car, walk almost a mile, and then board another.

Transfer of the nine passenger cars on Wednesday was regarded by some quarters as presaging the imminent resumption of through service. The fact that this has not yet taken place supports the belief that the Communists are not yet satisfied and are demanding the handing-over of further rolling stock.

Mr. Kwok said yesterday: "British legal decisions have a reputation for being honourable all over the world. This matter of rolling stock is purely a question of law. As the development of law, authoritative quarters said, that through railway service between Canton and Kowloon probably does hinge on the list of impounded rolling stock, and because their return is dependent in the final analysis on the British Government's timing of its recognition of the Peking regime, convenience to passengers on this line will persist until that issue is resolved."

Up to August, 1947, 278 cows were received, producing approximately 2,224 piculs.

For investigation purposes two girls, one hybrid from the Dairy Farm and the other a local sow, were purchased. These were mated to one of the Station Boars.

Pointing was once looked upon as a side-line but now it has become a very important and definite activity of the New Territories farmer.

Towards the end of the year several farmers have taken up poultry rearing, with many as 10,000 birds in their flocks.

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YWCA Says "Thank You"

The following statement was issued by the Hong Kong YWCA yesterday:

"The Hong Kong YWCA, Women's Christian Association, its staff, and 600 campaign workers wish to take this opportunity for extending their heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to the thousands of local residents, firms and organisations who generously donated during the recent fund-raising campaign. It is possible for the YWCA to continue its work in Hong Kong during the coming year."

Action For Repayment Of Loan

An action for \$70,000 and interest at \$8 a thousand, against a widow residing at 73B, Woonmeichong Road, second floor, the sum having been borrowed under a Chinese borrowing note signed by defendant, was allowed with costs yesterday at the Supreme Court.

The senior District Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, expressed the hope that the plaintiff will not be disposed to execute his judgment against the defendant to the full limits which he is in law entitled to.

Thong Shui-jam, merchant, of 25, Sau Street, first floor, plaintiff, was represented by Mr. Lee d'Almeida, KC, instructed by Wilkinson and Grist. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, and Mr. John McNeill, on the instructions of Wong Ching-shi, the widow.

Her defence, the widow denied that she had borrowed any sum of money from the plaintiff, and that she had signed a borrowing note.

Defendant's son, George Wong, who was a signatory to the borrowing note, originally sued as second defendant, but in default of his appearance judgment was entered against him.

Mr. Williams pointed out that it appeared that the son had been spending very large sums of money obtained by the defendant, and that probably she hoped to pay plaintiff with money borrowed from another party, but was prevented from doing so when her son absconded with this other sum.

Her unhappy position, he added, thus induced her to deny the loan from the plaintiff.

OFFICIAL NOTICES APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Robert Gordon has been appointed to be a Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from December 3.

Stamp duty on Bills of Health will be increased today from HK\$8 to HK\$10.

Crown rents determined by the Land Officer were published in yesterday's "Government Gazette."

Dr. John Gray's name has been added to the Register of Medical and Surgical Practitioners.

The office of Aide-de-Camp is pensionable only to the present holder or to that officer, Mr. Christopher John Rowland Dawson.

Viet Nam's Appeal For Independence

The Viet Nam Renovation League, headed by Crown Prince Nguyen Cuong De, uncle of ex-Emperor Bao Dai, has appealed to the Free World and all Christian people for help to achieve the complete independence of the Viet Nam people.

In a special release yesterday the 80-year-old League, the headquarters of which is in Tokyo, said that the people of Viet Nam demand the immediate repatriation from Indo-China of all French Colonial Army and Fleet.

They also demand a proclamation of the complete independence of Viet Nam, with the backing of the United Nations.

The statement added that the hope of the Viet Nam people is based on the broad understanding of the world's responsible authorities. Their sympathetic action is needed now to prevent the situation in Indo-China from becoming hopeless, said the statement.

Bodies Found In Streets Cremated

Twenty-six bodies were picked up from the streets of the Colony last week and cremated at Government expense, according to figures released by the Public Relations Office yesterday.

Every week, year after year, the story of dumped bodies is repeated so systematically by the PRO's Health Returns that the drama lurking behind the figures is lost against a background of cold statistics.

Why are bodies dumped? Are some people in Hong Kong so poor that they cannot afford the decent burial of a relative or friend? Or is there a class of society in the Colony so callous in its estimation of the dignity of the human body that consigning it to the pavement represents fulfilment of the obligation of appropriate disposal?

In a search for answers to these questions yesterday the "China Mail" learned from official and interested quarters that body-dumping is an inevitable feature of life in most large cities, and does not in itself indicate callousness or inhumanity on the part of the public.

The guiding motive in Hong Kong, according to a representative of the Tung Wah Hospital, is poverty. Relatives of a worker-class Chinese are often so poor that when he dies the cost of burial is so prohibitive that the only alternative is to leave the corpse in some secluded spot where the Government will pick it up and cremate it.

The Tung Wah Hospital which in the past handled these cases on a large scale, is now continuing this work on a restricted basis because of concentration on medical relief among the poor.

Children Predominate

Asked to provide some information on the background of the bodies, a representative of the Tung Wah Hospital said that of hundreds of such bodies handled in any one year more than 70 per cent are of children. The rest are mainly old men, incapacitated soldiers, and labourers who die of starvation and exposure.

Some time when notice of a body lying on some pavement is given to the hospital and an ambulance is sent out to pick it up, close inspection reveals it to be still alive. When this happens all efforts are immediately made to arrest the progress of death, but the proportion of recovery is small. The bodies have usually been so neglected and exposed that they are beyond the scope of medical assistance. These, the representative said, are the most pathetic cases.

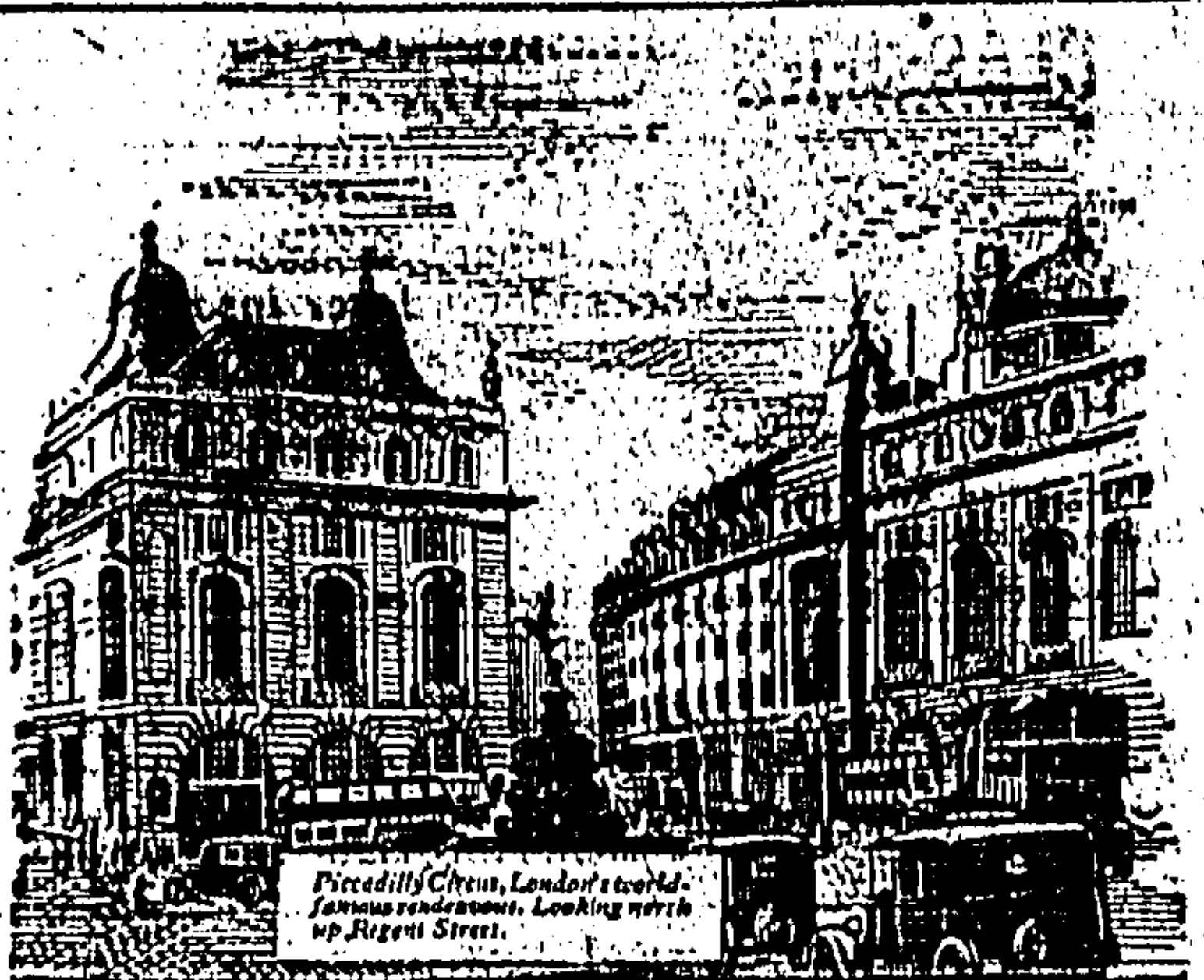
He said inhumanity is seldom apparent because the dumped bodies, especially those of children, are often well-clothed. The picture is conveyed of parents so poor and so unversed in the requirements of registration and death certificates that clothing up later is the highest and noblest expression of farewell they can attain.

In some cases they are so overwhelmed with the requirements of Government before burial can be sanctioned—such as the possession of a doctor's certificate—that the bodies appear like the lesser of two difficulties. Notes to this effect are often found on the person of the dead.

Only in relatively few instances are old people deliberately brought out into the streets to die because of fear handled by a Chinese superstition that death imparts a period of bad luck to any house.

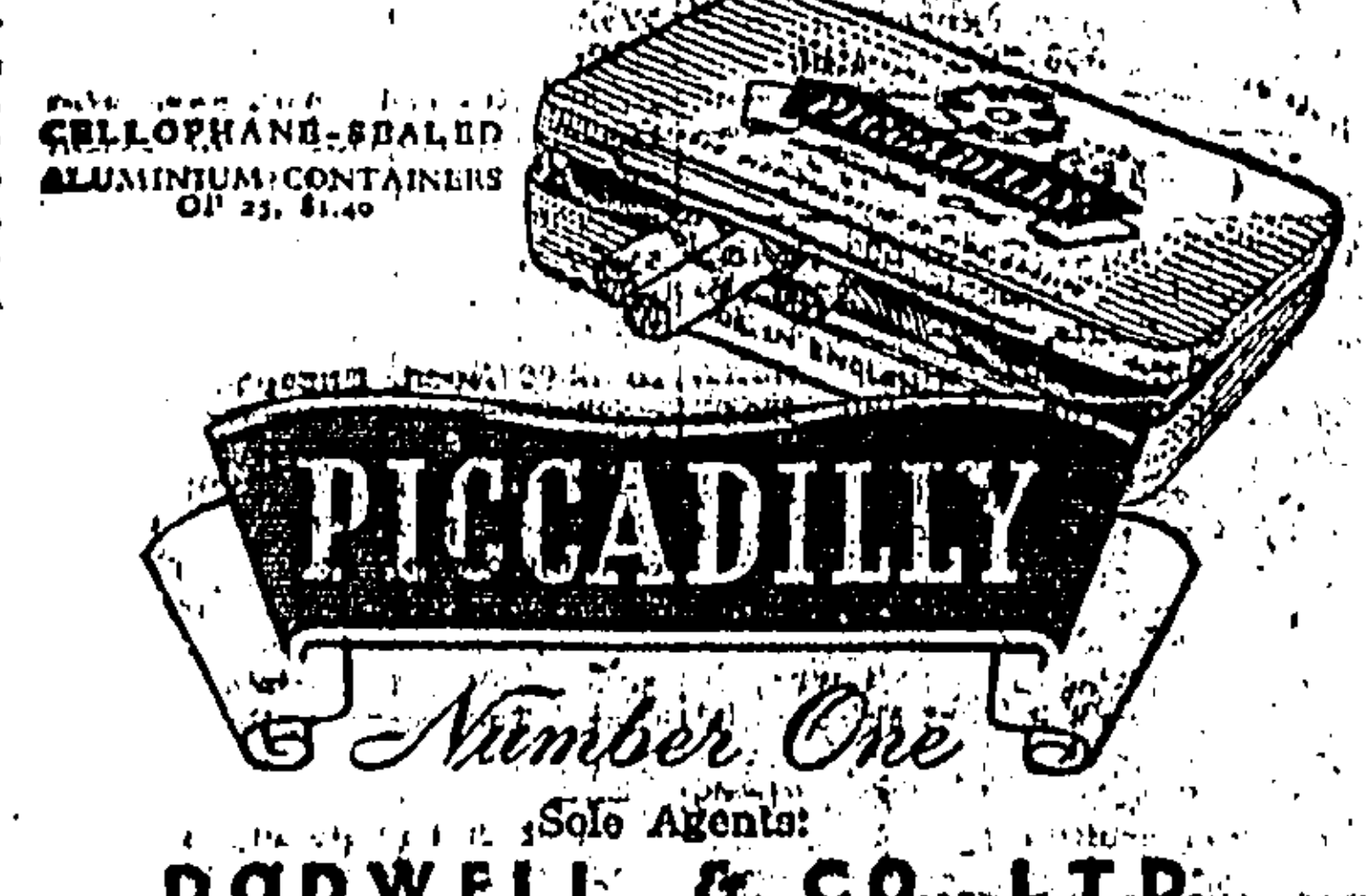
Rags And Riches

Death diffuses the class barrier of tragedy among the poor as among the rich, the Tung Wah representative said. The only difference is that the poor are often found in the streets.



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AUSTRALIANS GO TO POLLS TODAY

Sydney, December 8.

When Australians vote on Saturday, few will think of foreign policy. The whole general election campaign has been fought entirely on domestic issues for the opposition parties are close to agreement on world policies.

Both aim to keep Australia within the United Nations although her voice may be softer at Lake Success if Dr. H. Evatt is not directing foreign policy.

UK FIRM GETS BIG CONTRACT

London, December 8.

The Government of India has concluded an agreement with Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., London, for the establishment of a factory in India for the manufacture of all the country's requirements of communications cables.

The agreement, covering a period of 20 years, was signed here last week by Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the High Commissioner on behalf of India, and by Sir Thomas Spencer, Managing Director, on behalf of the firm.

The factory and plant, all of which are expected to be Government-owned and operated, employing eventually all-Indian staff and operatives.

It is expected that the output of the plant will reach a value of one crore of rupees per annum in three or four years' time.

The firm, in addition to giving facilities for Indian staff to be trained in various branches in its factories in England, will provide from its own organisation key personnel who will assist the Government until the factory is in full operation.

The Indian factory has the right to supply telephone cables to the Administrations of Burma, Ceylon and Nepal, in addition to meeting the requirements of the Government and non-Government market in India.—Reuter.

EAST GERMANY BAN ON SLAVS

Berlin, December 8.

The East German Ministry of the Interior today informed the Yugoslav Military Mission in Berlin that its members would in future be banned from the territory of the East German Republic.

An official announcement stated: "It has been observed for a long time that citizens of the Yugoslav Republic and persons working for Yugoslav organisations have tried to disturb law and order in the territory of the German Democratic Republic."

"These people have carried out their criminal practices in the belief that they, as members of a Military Mission, can carry out their crimes unpunished."

"In view of these circumstances, the Ministry of the Interior found it necessary to inform the Yugoslav Military Mission that its members are prohibited from staying in the territory of the German Democratic Republic as from December 8, 1949."

All the offices of the Yugoslav Military Mission in Berlin are situated in the British sector.—Reuter.

Washington, December 8. Burma today became the 54th nation to recognise the new state of Israel.

The Ambassador, Eliehu Elath, announced the receipt of this news from the Burmese Ambassador in the United States.—United Press.

The rival Labour and the combined Liberal-Country Parties are pledged to stick close to Britain and remain friends with the U.S.

On the immigration and the White Australia laws they also agree, but the Liberal-Country Party might be more sympathetic than the present Labour Government in odd cases concerning individual Asiatic immigrants. In the past the strict enforcement of the White Australia laws by the Minister of Immigration, Arthur Calwell, has annoyed people in Asia.

As to Australia's policy toward Japan, neither the Labour nor the anti-Labour government would aim to become too friendly in the immediate future.

What are the domestic issues that will sway the floating vote of about 10 per cent one way or the other?

Labour will win some votes because Australia is prosperous and there is full employment. Labour's devaluation of the Australian Pound has pleased the farmers for they get a 25 per cent bonus on what they sell abroad.

Conscription

The Country-Liberal opposition has said it will introduce some form of compulsory training if returned, but many people do not like the idea. Nor do they want to see a government divided between two parties, such as the Liberals and the Country Party.

Labour will lose some of the swinging votes because some people think free enterprise is better than State business.

The Liberals promise to cut taxes and government spending and to get more petrol to end rationing. Labour is making no such direct promises nor has it promised the housewife any improvement in living costs.

The unpopular Communist Party will be outlawed, promise the Liberals, but Labour has said only that it will continue to fight Communists in the open.

Two new points have come into the election picture in the last few days. Both may cost Labour votes.

Lang Attack

The first was the anti-Labour swing in the New Zealand election. This may influence the doubtful voter in Australia.

WATER SHORTAGE IN NEW YORK

New York, December 8.

The civic authorities today ordered New York's 8,000,000 residents to discontinue all non-essential use of water, to conserve the city's dwindling supplies.

All motor-car washing, the flooding of tennis courts or pools for winter ice skating and the cleaning of tiled walls in underground stations must stop.

A long dry spell and unusually heavy consumption have reduced the supplies in the reservoirs to about 30 per cent of their capacity.—Reuter.

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British Election Forecast

London, December 8. A source close to the British Cabinet says the indications now are that the next General Election will be held before March—or after May next year.

Most guessers think the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is likely to call it for February.

The Annual Labour Party Conference at the start of the month provides him with a good platform for the announcement.—Associated Press.

AUSTRIAN TREATY DEADLOCK

New York, December 8.

The Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies discussing the Austrian peace treaty here made very little progress in today's session, according to American sources, but decided to continue their talks into next week.

This caused the Soviet Ambassador to Britain, Georgi Zarubin, who has been representing Russia at the conference here since mid-October to cancel his reservation on the Queen Elizabeth, to sail for London on Saturday.

Meanwhile, in Washington, American officials denied an allegation by the magazine "Newsweek" that the French are obstructing the Austrian treaty. They said the Soviet Union is responsible for the fruitless conferences.

An official said that, as far as he knows, the French continue to support the British and American desire to conclude a treaty. This statement was supported by the French Embassy spokesman, who said France is anxious to see the question settled quickly and that there is no truth in the magazine's report.—United Press.

BURMA FIGHTING

Rangoon, December 8.

About 100 rebels, most of them Karens, were killed in the re-occupation by Government troops of three rebel-held villages in the sprawling Pegu (Irrawaddy) delta.

The Karens, fighting for an independent state of Karenistan, lost four other fortified villages to Government troops in the nearby Mawlaikya district, also a rice area, the communists said.—Associated Press.

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ROUND WORLD IN A YACHT

Stockholm, December 8.

Ernest Kaurils and Johan Zeltner set out last August to sail round the world in their 78-foot yacht, Le Polar, arrived here last night.

Their voyage from England via Tangier had been uneventful, they reported. After a week's stay here they expect to sail for the Canary Islands, the Cape Verde Islands, Natal (Brazil), Panama, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Bombay, Suez and the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

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German, Japanese Shipping Revival

New York, December 8.

The "Journal of Commerce" editorial today took a middle-of-the-stream stand on the question of a revival of German and Japanese shipping.

"U.S. diplomats are coming more and more to believe that neither Germany nor Japan can long resist Russian pressure without greater economic strength."

"Merchant shipping is a factor in this strength," the editorial said.

American, British, Norwegian, Dutch and other shipping

PEASANT REVOLT SPREADS

Rome, December 8.

The Italian "peasants' revolt" today jumped across 200 miles of sea to the barren and backward island of Sardinia.

In dawn marches from mountain-top villages Sardinians raised the twin flags that have become the symbol of the land-grabbing campaign—the Italian Tricolor and a Red Flag—over a 1,000 acres of uncultivated ground near Cagliari.

By the time the police arrived they had started ploughing. On the mainland, there were several fresh cases of land occupation early today, but these were mainly symbolic, the peasants planning strikes to "affirm our claims."

About 250 land grabbers have been arrested in Rome Province in the last four days. About 50 of these are members of the Communist-led Confederation of Agricultural Trade Unions leading the revolt.

In the province of Puglia, 500 landless and unemployed staged a symbolic march of a thousand acres of hilly preserve.

In Sicily, 12 peasants were arrested for defying orders to leave land they occupied last night.—Reuter.

SHIP FIRE

Cherbourg, December 8.

The Israeli cargo boat Dromit was today towed into port here with her hull badly damaged.

The crew of a Cherbourg tug joined firemen in fighting the flames.

No injured were reported among the crew of the Dromit, whose home port is Haifa.—Reuter.

Anglo-U.S. Study Of Jap Textiles

Atlanta, December 8.

Directors of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute today agreed to study the textile industry there.

The decision was announced by the Board Chairman, Mr. Ellison S. McKelick, of Greenville, South Carolina.

The committee will be a fact-finding group and will examine all parts of the Japanese textile industry.

Industry delegates from the United States and Great Britain met in New York last week and outlined the project.

Other American interests in the Japanese textile industry are expected to approve the mission to Japan project.—Associated Press.

PLAN FOR AID TO COLONIES

London, December 8.

A technical aid conference will be convened by the United Nations in the next two months to draw up plans for technical assistance to the under-developed countries and backward areas of the world, according to Professor Mohammed Hassan, a member of the Pakistan delegation to the United Nations.

Professor Hassan said in an interview that the conference will most probably be held in New York.

Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, is in touch with member countries of the United Nations about the convening of this conference, Professor Hassan added.

Professor Hassan, who arrived in London by air from Lake Success on Wednesday, said that the United Nations is creating a special fund, contributions to which will be voluntary, by those countries interested in the technical aid programme.

He said that the second committee of the General Assembly dealing with economic and financial affairs had decided that two bodies be set up for giving technical aid and programming. These two bodies will be the Technical Assistance Board and the Technical Assistance Committee.

The Technical Assistance Board will be composed of experts who will administer the scheme while the Technical Assistance Committee, composed of representatives of nations interested in the scheme, will be the link between the Board and the Economic and Social Council, he said.

Professor Hassan stated that under the scheme, which will be based on the United Nations Charter, four main efforts will be made to various underdeveloped countries for determining their needs and each country will formulate plans for the technical assistance it requires.

The scheme will be reviewed from year to year.

The scheme will be implemented in co-ordination with existing specialised agencies of the United Nations, he said.—Reuter.

AMERICA RECONCILED TO FALL OF TAIWAN TO CHINESE REDS

Washington, December 8.

High official sources today said that American policy makers have decided that there is nothing the United States can do, outside of actual military intervention, to prevent Taiwan falling into Communist hands if the Chinese Nationalists are unable to defend it.

Military intervention definitely has been ruled out by a high-level policy decision with which President Truman is said to agree.

Authoritative quarters here consider that, if the Chinese Reds succeed in taking Taiwan, it will be a grave blow to anti-Communist forces in the Orient and will crack the American Joint Chiefs of Staff's concept of the American defence line.

However, they have decided that American action to save the island from the Reds would have consequences which would outweigh the strategic advantages.

At the same time, they warn the Japanese against expecting any American action to return Taiwan to the Nationalist Government, which would be a complete reversal of a long policy.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, has said that Taiwan is a very important question which is still under consideration by the American Government. However, sources close to him report that he and other policy officials have written off the island to the Communists unless the Nationalists are able to defend it.

American officials in their discussions on what to do about Taiwan, went through two major phases. They considered: (1) the question whether the Nationalist Government could be expected to hold Taiwan against a Red attack.

(2) The assumption that the Nationalists could not hold the island, they considered what the United States should or could do in such an eventuality.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Omar Bradley, has said that the Nationalists could not hold the island against the Reds on a long-term basis. He was opposed in this view by Admiral Louis B. Denfeld, who had said that the Nationalist Government could hold the island for a long time.

General Bradley's view was supported by the fact that the Nationalist Government had lost the mainland and was now fighting a desperate battle to hold the island.

General Bradley also pointed out that the Nationalist Government was not responsible for the armed forces of the island. The local Government had to bear the burden of maintaining three-fourths of the island's population.

He also revealed that 40 per cent of the current fiscal budget of the Nationalist Government is being maintained by revenues from tobacco and wine monopolies. A big portion of the remaining 60 per cent came from land taxes.

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PRINCESS CHEERED IN MALTA

Valletta, December 8.

Cheering crowds, throwing flowers and shouting "Viva Princess" (Long Live the Princess) today lined Malta's narrow roadways as Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh toured the island.

Children ran alongside their parents, waving their hands and shouting "Viva the Princess" and "Viva the Duke". The Duke and Duchess were seen waving to the crowds from the back of the car.

At Valletta, on the outskirts of Valletta, the Princess unveiled a plaque in memory of the fallen soldiers of the island's armed forces during the days of the Second World War.

After the ceremony the Royal couple drove off through the cheering crowds. All classes of people were there to greet them, from the taxi driver, who waved from his window, to the old farmer, waving his cap in the air.

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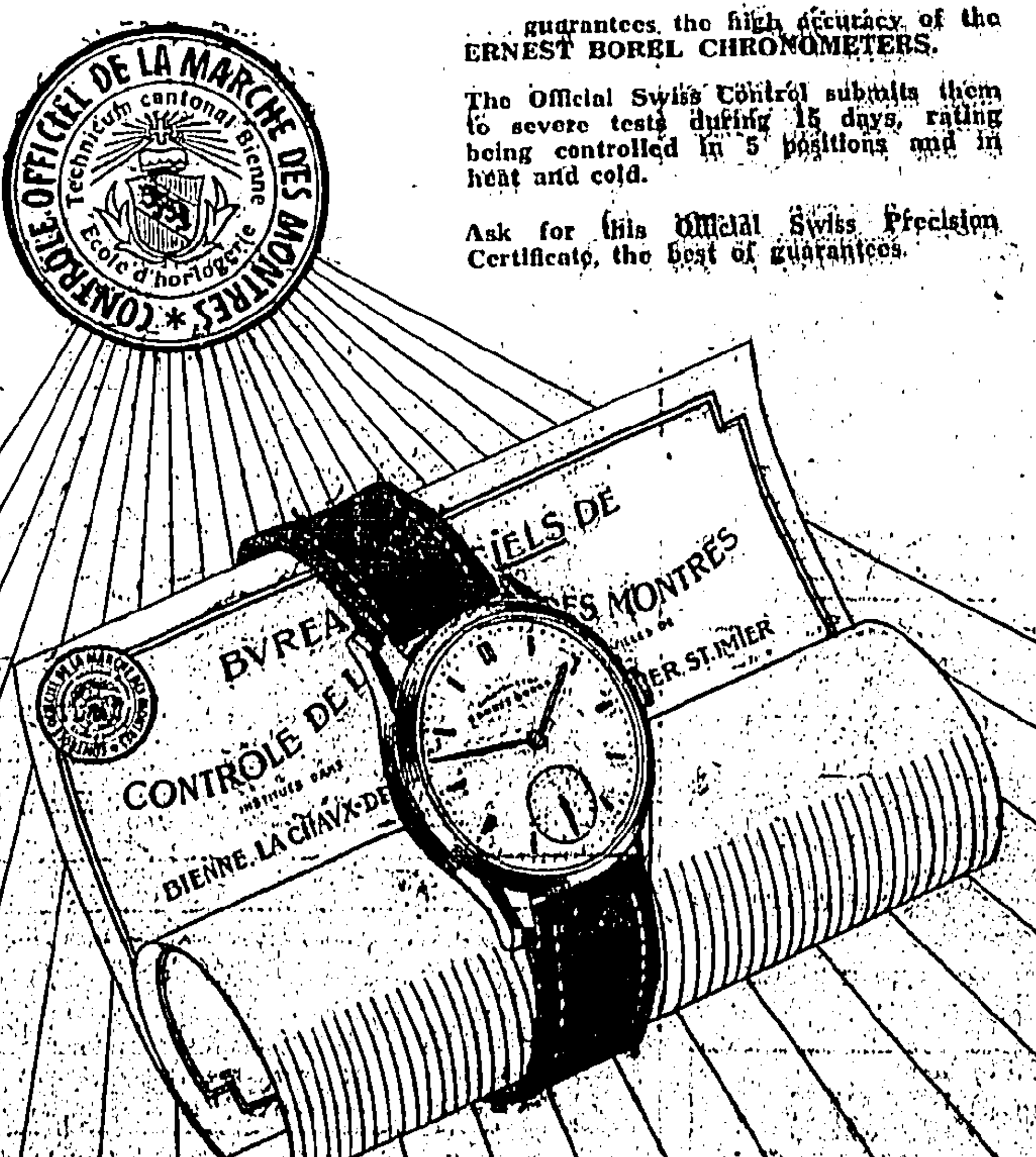
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In a statement to the House of Commons, Mr. Howe said that the shipment was valued at \$2,445 and was made through normal commercial channels.

It was treated as a normal transaction. Very few people knew then that the tests leading to the atomic bomb were under way and it was considered wise not to call attention to the matter by releasing news for months.

The policy in 1943 was to give all possible aid to Russia.—Reuter.

REFERENDUM IN FRENCH INDIA

Madras, December 8.

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SHAH IN IDAHO

Sun Valley, December 8.

The Shah of Persia has arrived at this skiing resort for a five-day visit and will be the guest of Mr. Arthur E. Stoddard, President of the Union Pacific Railroad. The Shah reached here last night on a special Union Pacific train.

President Truman's private plane, the "Sacred Cow", had landed him and his party at a nearby village where they transferred to the train.

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FOOT—On 9th December, 1949 at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, to Frances (nee Wilcox) wife of the Revd. Leslie Foot, C.F., a son.

TAIWAN AGAIN TAKES THE EYE.

Taiwan now enters the world picture once more. The last time it dominated the front pages was in 1947, when the islanders were driven to revolt by the crudest exactions. That revolt was put down with great severity, but after the removal of General Chen Yi, the island settled down again under the new Governor, General Chen Cheng. Now the mobile Nationalist Cabinet has announced that it has come to rest at Taipei, with General Yen Hsi-shun still as Prime Minister. General Chiang Kai-shek is to take charge of military affairs but, it is stated, will not resume the Presidency—at least for the present.

The development emphasises more than ever the essential character of the regime that followed the Japanese capitulation. It has been not inaptly described as a Government of Formosans by mainland Chinese for mainland Chinese. The island became a refuge and military base of the defeated Kuomintang after the fall of Nanking—now it is the headquarters of the Nationalist Cabinet.

The local population was not wholly cowed by the severe suppression of the revolt. But it has been somewhat appeased by the more sensible policy adopted by the Nationalist authorities since the upheaval two years ago. Two or three Divisions of troops have even been recruited from among them. That is a relatively small matter in view of the presence on the island of some 400,000 Nationalist troops. But at least it was a good gesture.

Much more important in the task of appeasement is the economic progress made under the Chen Cheng regime. The first liberators set out to strip the island of its resources. Their successors have been more constructive. But even so, the fall of Shanghai caused further trouble, because under the Nationalists the island's economy had been geared very largely to Shanghai in place of Japan, and a search had to be made at once for alternative outlets. How far this has succeeded is doubtful, but a Reuter despatch tells of considerable internal reforms.

These include the abolition of salt taxation, better distribution of products and relief in exactions from the land. Rice crops have improved and this, in turn, helped to make economic and political conditions more stable.

The main difficulty is the maintenance of a huge army and the uncertainty of how long the dwindling gold reserves will last. Meanwhile the currency has been holding its own remarkably well. According to General Chen Cheng, the Central Government is responsible for only one-quarter of the expenses of the armed forces. But the upkeep of 300,000 officers and men is a pretty heavy burden on local resources.

Despatches from Washington indicated a certain pessimism about the Nationalists' chances of holding the island. It is admitted that if the island fell to the Communists, it would cause a serious breach in the strategic defence line drawn by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. At the same time it is reported that military intervention

STILL THE CRISIS

By "WINDRUSH"

WAVY NAVY WOES

By TOM POCOCK

The Admiralty can now understate that naval recruiting is "satisfactory."

That means that the Royal Navy can maintain one-third of the Fleet on active list. It means that the Fleet is manned by some 163,000 sailors and Marines—about one-fifth of its 1945 strength.

Though the standard of the young recruits is high—perhaps because nobody joins to make money—there is a desperate shortage of senior ratings. Of the 4,000 men who, in the last financial year, completed their first 12-year engagement, only 800 signed on for a further 10 years. And 1,400 men, all professional sailors, are now in civilian life. There are the 8,000 ex-temporary wartime officers on call in the Supplementary Reserve.

These reservists receive virtually no further naval training. The Navy needs more than 1,400 men. More than ever sailors are technicians. Therefore, the core of Britain's reserves should be the trained Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve—the naval equivalent of the Territorials.

Attached to the force of part-time sailors is the Air Branch, consisting of four fighter squadrons—125 officers and 170 ratings—and the Wireless Reserve—12 officers and 370 men.

The RNVR itself, practically as a whole, could be brought up to a total of 10,000 men by next year. Its present strength is 1,160 officers and 2,792 men.

Why is recruiting so poor? First, there are no incentives for officers and ratings. The Navy needs more than 1,400 men. More than ever sailors are technicians. Therefore, the core of Britain's reserves should be the trained Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve—the naval equivalent of the Territorials.

Secondly, potential recruits are not off by their memories of wartime conditions. A number of former officers have joined as ratings and have now been assured that, on mobilisation, their old rank would be restored.

Finally, RNVR requires a total of three months' shore training and 56 days with the Fleet during a five-year engagement, no latter periods of not less than 14 fortnights.

Hopefully, the 12 divisions of the RNVR are being modernised. Can anything be done to boost recruiting and reach the target of 10,000 men perhaps by the end of 1950?

The RNVR itself feels that the Navy's training with the Fleet is a stumbling-block. Some employers insist that this annual cruise be counted as a holiday. Even if the extra fortnight is granted, pay is usually stopped for that period.

And so the suggestion is now made that all employers should be compelled by law to grant the annual two-week training leave on full pay. Only then, says the RNVR, can Britain hope to give some body to the Immense Shadow Fleet which the Admiralty maintains up its voluminous sleeve.

has been definitely ruled out by a policy decision on a high level—a decision which President Truman is said to approve.

No American assistance to the Nationalist defenders is therefore to be expected. If the Nationalists cannot hold the island against a Communist attack, nothing will prevent it from passing into the hands of the Reds. Nor does Washington contemplate any such action as the return of the island to Japan pending the conclusion of a Peace Treaty. The view has long been held that the entry of the Nationalists into Taiwan after the war represented a fait accompli. The status of the island can hardly now be brought into question.

The more important matter, however, is the decision of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that American action to save the island from the Communists would have consequences which would outweigh the strategic advantage. That is a clear-sighted and sober view of the position which will be widely appreciated. We may have a long time to wait for good results from diplomatic intervention inside China. But it is certain that armed intervention would yield the worst possible results, and bind China Proper no less than Manchuria wholly to Moscow.

During the past month the crisis has been less talked about in England. That is the nature of this economic crisis. It exists continuously but the country is aware of it only intermittently. It works in the body of society like a disease in a human body which shows its outward symptoms only periodically, but which all the while is undermining its health.

There is no reason to think that the crisis has lost any of its dangers since the government's last attempt at medicating it by the motorious "cuts" of £250 million. Probably the next time it will flare up in public view will be at the New Year, when the gold reserve figures are again announced.

Some interesting articles on the crisis have appeared recently in the Paris paper "Le Monde." We have all heard so much of the British and American view of the crisis that it is interesting to see a French view.

The French are impressed by the contrast between the real and remarkable industrial achievements of Great Britain at the present time, and the frightful economic dangers which it faces.

"I saw the trials at De Havilland," says the French writer, "of the first jet planes capable of use on civil air lines (at least 18 months ahead of its American

rivals); and also the Austin motor works, the foremost in Europe, with an output of 3,000 cars a week, employing 18,000 workers, compared with a pre-war output of 2,000 cars a week by 24,000 workers."

Disintegration

Yet an England capable of this achievement was in danger of being "within a few weeks of bankruptcy." If the Bank of England reserves fall by as much as another £50,000,000 dollars, says "Le Monde," the sterling area will disintegrate. "From that day on, Britain could no longer supply her factories or feed her people."

"Le Monde" is not very optimistic about the results of devaluation. Seventy per cent of the sterling area's earnings of dollars come from the sale of raw materials from the Commonwealth, and only 30 per cent from that of British manufactures. The volume of raw material exports cannot be greatly increased; and what is expected will, since devaluation, earn fewer dollars. Moreover the costs of many British exports will be increased because of the rise in the costs of imported raw materials.

British exports will from now on have to meet increasing competition from Germany and Japan.

Why, if the circumstances are so alarming as "Le Monde" suggests, is the British public so pliant? The only answer is the one which the writer in "Le

Monde" gives. The worker does not really believe that a crisis exists. In the minds of the British working class, "crisis" has a very clear connotation. It means an economic stoppage like that between 1929 and 1932, with mass unemployment and falling wages. None of these things have yet happened in Great Britain. "Le Monde" says "Workers are better off than they have ever been, and say, 'If this is a crisis, let it go on!'"

Relative Austerity

There is certainly "austerity" in England, but it is an austerity which, fortunately, has not yet affected the great mass of the people. It is the austerity resulting from the long overdue economic changes in the position of the different social classes.

The French view, the view of a large part of Western Europe, is that the economic difficulties of Great Britain have come about because the Labour Government, in trying to carry through its social reforms, has attempted to impose an artificial stability on all parts of the economic life. It has interfered with the natural laws of economic life which cause changes—change by capital exploiting new ways of making profit, change by labour exploring new possibilities of higher wages. Factories have been safeguarded in selling to established markets; they have lost the spirit of initiative in seeking new areas.

This is a continental view of the British plight. There is speculation whether the British Government, in order to restore vitality to the economic system, will remove any of its controls, and let "economic law operate unchecked." The alternative, it is said, may be for the Government to take such far-reaching powers of directing the entire economic life of the country that the British way of life would be radically changed.

There are extreme views. Few people in England would agree altogether with the interpretation in "Le Monde." There has been a swing of opinion to the right on the continent. There the old fashioned liberal economics is in favour again. But it has still to be seen what happens to the West European countries which try to operate the free enterprise system. Even if they succeed in increasing production, as is being claimed, this may be at the expense of such privation to the poorer classes, and of such bitterness, that the political consequences outweigh the economic. The continent has just only forgotten that the experiment in Great Britain has a moral as well as an economic basis.

Britons Bewildered

Yet it must be admitted that the intelligent and informed part of the public in Great Britain feels more and more bewildered about how to find a permanent solution of the crisis. The prospect at the moment is of recurrent periods of emergency, staved off by short-term measures, leading to a new period of emergency after a few months, to find a way out of the mess, the public in a very receptive mood to new ideas.

The lines of thought have been canvassed in recent weeks. One is that, if the costs of government life, there may be a stronger case than appeared in the past for a capital levy. The other is a growing doubt whether it is really in the British interest to maintain the sterling bloc. But this speculation leads so quickly into very grave political problems that it will be best considered in a separate article.

Portrait Of A Jap John Smith

Suzuki-san, the middle-class John Smith of Japan, is preparing for his 10th post-war winter.

He has been told that he must tighten his honourable belt, that many of his American-based gains must be "temporarily" sacrificed for the common good.

What are those gains? Living in the present standard of what the current mood of the little yellow man who can amok in China and the Pacific eight years ago, but who—General MacArthur seems to believe—is now a reformed, penitent and doughty democrat?

Suzuki-san, the average white-collar worker of Japan, is 35 years old, stands 5'6", weighs 110 lb., has trouble with his eyes, teeth and lungs, will wear again this winter a 1918 model, Western-style influenza mask to protect himself against germs.

He had six years' elementary school training, knows 3,000 written Japanese characters—enough to read newspapers, magazines and cheap books.

He served four years in the Imperial Japanese Army. He earns 15,000 yen (say £15) a month. He works eight hours a day, six days a week.

He has a wife, aged 30, and two living children—two others died.

His pre-war, three roomed, plaster-and-plaster home near the Chiyoda Canal was burned during the early Tokyo air raids. His family now lives with his in-laws in a house of the same size in crowded Shinjuku, the Solihull of the house have been untouched by the Occupation. No furniture, no carpets, no fireplace. Suzuki-san and family sit, eat and sleep on the tatami-matting floor. Charcoal provides heating and cooking.

Suzuki-san eats more now than he did during the war. He has an adequate rice ration (1.5c. for a Japanese), enough to fill a small suitcase at each of three daily meals, with flat meat, bread, vegetables, and fruit for two meals a day. He is reluctantly learning to eat more bread.

His calories total 1,947 daily, or say 90 per cent of his calory consumption before the war. He has a sweet tooth, likes European and Chinese food, can seldom afford it.

He eats with chopsticks, sitting on the floor. It is etiquette for him to suck noisily while eating, pick his teeth behind a wide spread left hand after eating, and belch appreciatively as the tray is removed.

He has few vices—no bet that he could afford many, no democratic or otherwise. He does not swear, tell camp stories.

He still likes sake (rice wine) better than the excellent Japanese beer. He drinks it warm in a tiny bowl from a china jug. He doesn't care to drink from a glass bottle because the bottle is drunk, and the sake is spoiled if it is not seen how much is left in the bottle.

He still tends to get drunk quickly, easily and happily—al-

though for 10 times the money it cost before the war.

He prefers Western talkies, goes to the movies once every three months (although he has little money for betting), likes to gamble as much as the Chinese, throws a baseball in the park during his lunch-hour with an office friend.

He loves his steaming hot bath—at the local communal bath-house, twice a week. He washes himself clean before he steps into the water, dries himself with a wet towel. Before the war, he could enjoy his own tub daily in his home.

He wears the shabbiest man in the world. Before the war he drew up to 12 lb. of material for clothing a year. Today he may replace his threadbare clothing at a rate of only 1.5lb. He always feels more comfortable if his trousers are supported by a belt as well as braces.

He may wear socks and ancient shoes to the office, but he is accustomed to wooden clogs (geta), his bare feet kicking off shod or geta before he enters his home at night.

He wears cheap cotton underwear, horridly cut Western-style clothing, cares nothing for showing his suspenders when he wears shorts above his bare knees in summer, but prefers to slip into his comfortable yukata, informal kimono, when he is at home. In summer he carries a fan, in winter an oil umbrella.

His wife wears old-style Japanese kimono, which suits her, but she has to buy a modern Western-style clothing, which does not suit her, as she can afford—which is little and irregular.

His instinct for blind obedience to authority has been, if anything, strengthened since defeat and Occupation.

He has not the slightest feeling of guilt about the war, which the Emperor allowed the Americans to win because the Americans had a barbarous atomic bomb.

He still distrusts radical Western ideas like trade unions, and cannot pretend to understand parliamentary processes, which he associates very naturally, with corrupt and dishonest parliamentarians.

He still prefers to have other people do his thinking for him. He knows more clearly now than he did before the war that the Emperor is his loving, self-sacrificing father. He will continue to do as he is told by Japanese authority, especially in the name of the Emperor, to follow the current economic and political nonsense about "democracy" to disassemble in front of white foreigners, to cast a vote it necessary, to accept now hardships with true Asiatic stoicism.

Suzuki-san has taken a lot. He takes a lot more. And, in spite of all temptations to belong to other nations—and to accept other nations' ideas—he remains a Japanese man, with the Oriental's chameleon talent for adaptive coloration.

By RICHARD HUGHES

He Lives

He Plays

He Wears

And He Thinks

He Lives

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And He Thinks



Returned to Manila from a visit here, Senator Lopez says Hong Kong would be all right if it weren't for our pickpockets. His words were perhaps difficult to hear because of the rattle of machine guns in the street as a bus-load of people was caught in great fire.

Oh, well, every town has its little snags.

It is reported that the China Travel Service may be reorganised.

Red sales in the sunrise?

Reports from Canton indicate that the JIMPS is JIMPIING. We are reminded that at one time even the Nationalist currency was not to be CNCD at.

Myrtle says she prefers to judge a man by his presents rather than his past.

In Budapest sits another "progressive" Socialist, M. Szekessy, still wearing the empty robes of President of the Red Republic of Hungary.

H. G. Wells thought of it first.

Former Bulgarian vice-premier surprised the court trying him for treason by pleading not guilty.

This is going to mean a purge of the rubber truncheon experts.

Probably not before time.

"People minded school head resigns."

It seems rather queer to call a man a "civil engineer." Who's for overhauling Darning and blasting.

"More nylon underwear being seen nowadays."

Maybe I need glasses, but honestly...

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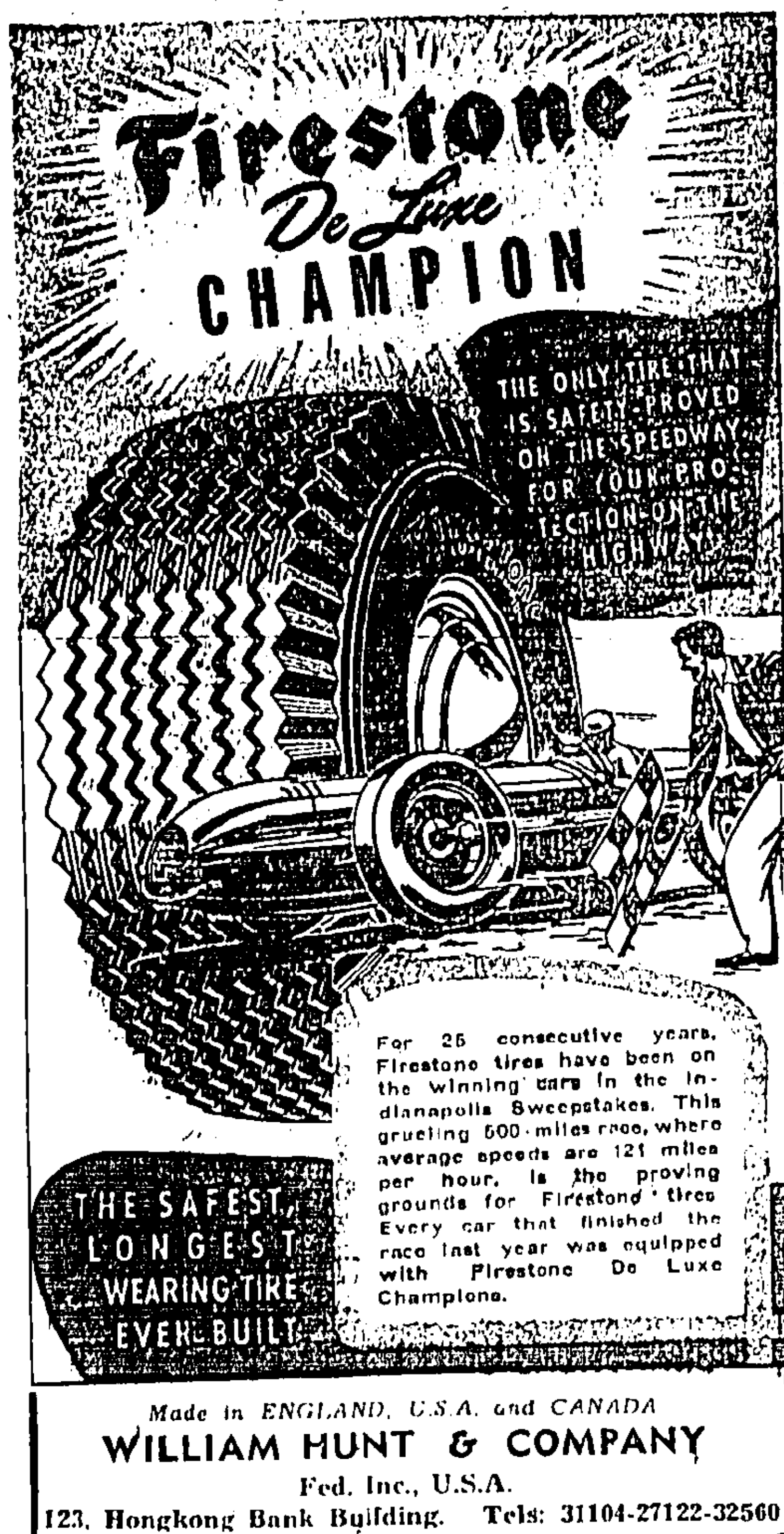
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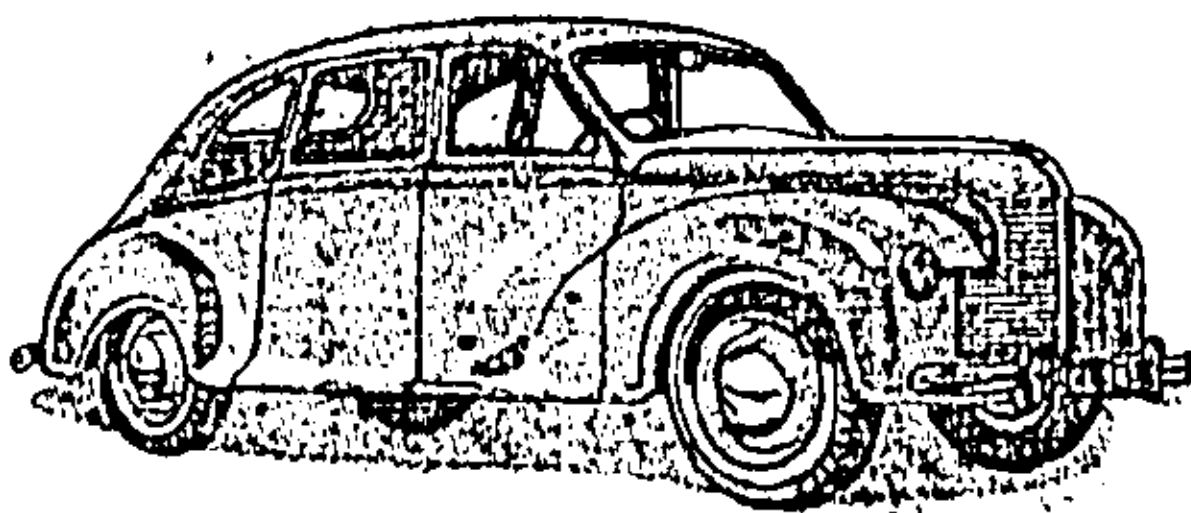
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MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

New Lamp Reflectors Available

Several innovations of note are to be found in the range of Lucas electrical equipment and accessories which will be available in the coming year.

Twelve months ago, it will be recalled, a number of major developments were launched in what might be termed basic electrical equipment (light, high-speed dynamos and greatly improved batteries were cases in point) and these modified products have proved so successful in service that no further major changes in general design have proved necessary.

On the other hand, the experimental and research departments of Joseph Lucas, Ltd., have been by no means inactive and the results of their work are in effect, both in improved manufacturing technique and in a number of actual innovations.

Most notable amongst these are a new method of finishing lamp reflectors and the very clever "double image" dipping anti-dazzle mirror. Mirror is arranged to pivot under the control of a handy trigger and is so constructed that, when in the dipped position, the main reflection is deflected out of the driver's sight line and a secondary image from the front surface of the prismatic glass is seen, this image of course, being relatively faint so that the lamps of following vehicles can clearly be seen but without dazzle.

The new lamp-reflector finish bids fair to prove a boon both to those who keep their cars for several years and to motorists whose driving is merely confined to second and third-hand vehicles.

As most readers are aware, the usual practice in the past has been to dip lamp reflectors in silver-plated, polished and then given a thin coat of lacquer which is sufficient to prevent tarnish but not sufficient to interfere with light-reflecting qualities.

By the very nature of this technique, however, the thickness of the lacquer coating has to be kept to minimum limits with the result that, after many years use, it tends to deteriorate, with a corresponding loss in lamp efficiency.

Realising these facts, the Lucas laboratories have been engaged for a considerable time in attempting to find a finish with satisfactory reflecting qualities and greater durability, especially in unfavourable climates.

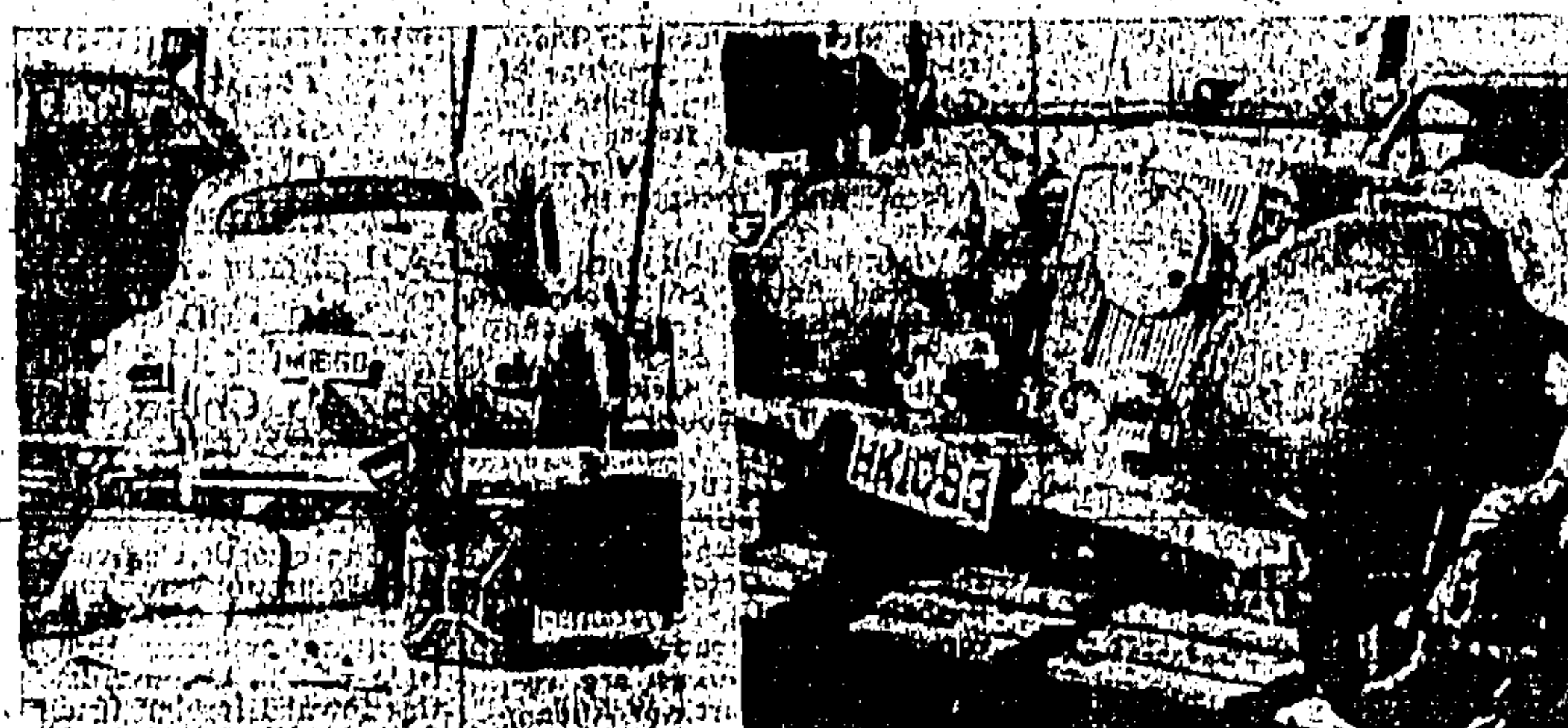
The outcome is a new type of reflector in which aluminium is deposited on the surface by means of a high-vacuum process. It is interesting to note that, without actual close comparison, it is indistinguishable from the familiar silvered type, the surface having a very high finish and no trace of the characteristic aluminium appearance.

According to Lucas technicians, this finish is unaffected by climate and, in fact, is subjected to the formation of a protective oxide which adds to its durability so that the efficiency of the reflecting surface will remain unchanged throughout the life of the lamp.

For Overseas Use:

Another development which is of particular interest to overseas drivers generally, is the introduction of specially powerful versions of the well-known Lucas windtone horns.

A point which is not generally known among the motoring pub-



Picture on the left shows an HKAA serviceman draining the petrol tank prior to loading Mr. C. A. Metchers Dodge aboard a lighter for transfer to a ship and in mid-stream, while picture on the right shows Mr. H. Ballerand's Triumph sports car on the way out to a vessel bound for Japan. These facilities are offered all members by the HKAA.

HKAA Offers Members Many Facilities

Among the many services rendered to its members by the Hong Kong Automobile Association are the loading and unloading of members' vehicles to and from overseas.

The HKAA gives its members a very complete shipping service for their cars. International driving permits and international vehicle documents are arranged, shipping documents are obtained.

Delivery of the vehicles is taken anywhere in the Colony, they are driven to the wharf, lighters are arranged if necessary. The chromium parts are greased and oiled; the radiator and petrol tanks are drained and the battery disconnected, the cars are loaded on board and the keys handed to the Chief Officer or returned to the owner, together with the signed Bill of Lading or other shipping document.

And finally arrangements are made with affiliated Automobile Associations at the port of disembarkation for the smooth handling of the unloading at destination.

The HKAA gives an equally comprehensive service for its members who are members of allied Associations who may be bringing their cars into the Colony. This is only one of numerous services rendered to motorists by the Hong Kong Automobile Association and local motorists are again urged to join the HKAA and avail themselves of the many services offered.

lic is that the power of horns in Britain is limited by a "gentleman's agreement" between the authorities and the horn manufacturers, the former having intimated that unduly loud horns are not desirable.

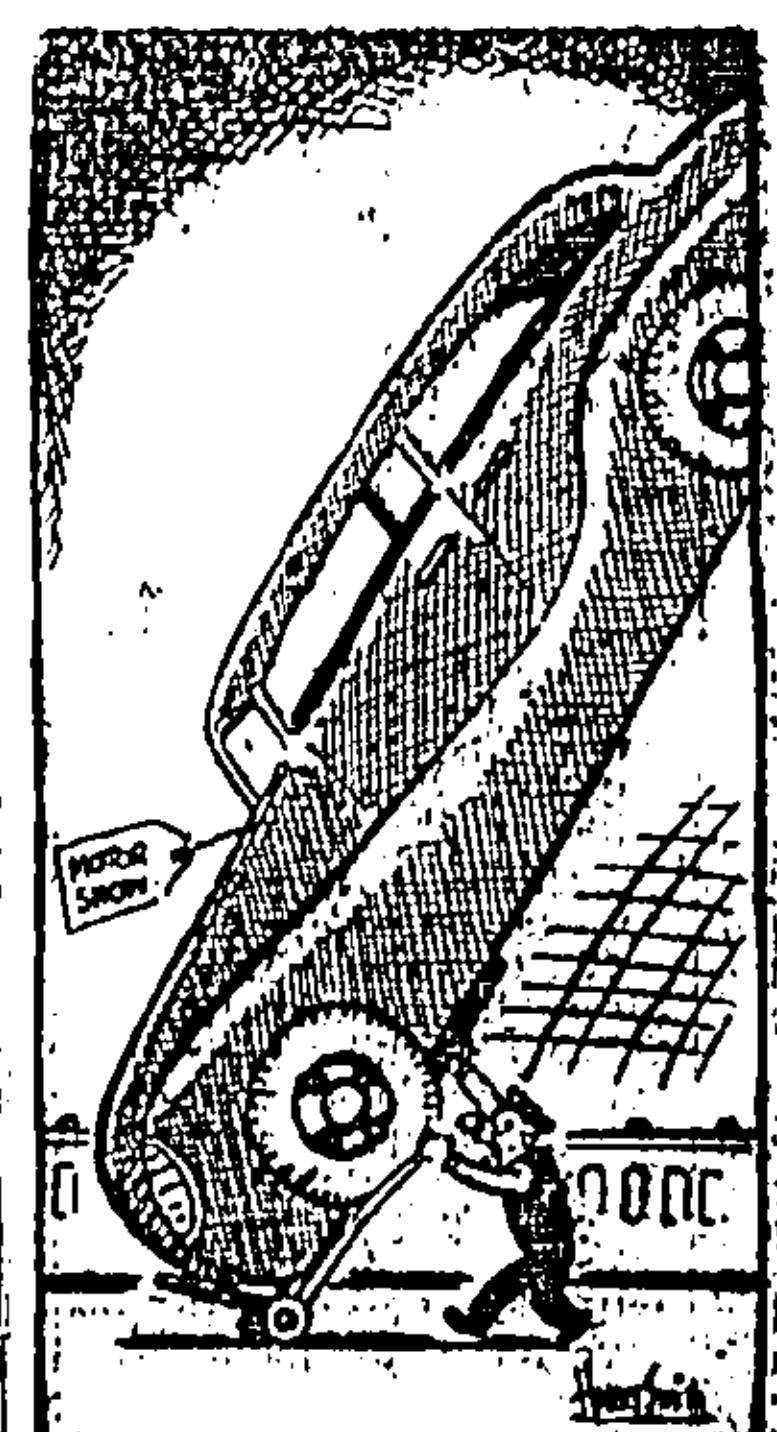
As a result, the power of horn produced in Britain has been limited to a volume which is adequate for normal home conditions but which has sometimes been the subject of criticism abroad, where, higher driving speeds are common and overlooking problems magnified. The

external interference with television. For the latter purpose, a single suppressor fitted to the coil distributor is usually adequate and examples suitable for both types of distributor head are available at the very modest figure of 1s. 6d. Plug suppressors are available to suit various types of terminal, prices ranging from 1s. 0d. to 2s. 6d. each.

In other respects, Lucas equipment continues without major change, but a pleasing fact to record is that the latest type of distributor head which incorporates a built-in vacuum control and a micrometer adjustment (as well as the universal centrifugal control) is growing in popularity.

It is also noteworthy that, since the introduction of the latest type of battery with flush terminals and a girdle attachment, no cases of case damage caused through excessive tightening of mounting bolts have occurred.

As before, the Lucas concern is continuing its range of head lamps incorporating the new full-size Lucas light unit and its range of three-lamp types of the flat-topped-beam type to suit cars of various types and sizes, while wipers, electric horns, deicers and so on are continued in a range combining variety with interchangeability.



"Petrol! Petrol! Petrol!"

new loud versions of Lucas wind-tone horns are intended to overcome these difficulties but are, for the reasons set out, for export only.

Two developments in direction indicators have taken place. One is an improved model of the well-known Lucas trafficator for external fitting, the semaphore arms are of the familiar type but the housings are now attractive die-castings with bright or black finish.

The other innovation is a pneumatic timing switch, which cancels the signal after approximately 10 seconds. In this device, which will be available shortly, a cylinder is exhausted when the switch is operated, this cylinder then being allowed to refill slowly through a return valve, the semaphore arm dropping when the cylinder has refilled.

An important point to note, however, is that this timing mechanism can be over-ridden if necessary.

Considerable attention has also been paid to the question of ignition suppressors, both from the point of view of cutting out interference in radio fitted to the car concerned and also of eliminating



The British Motor Company makes the winning car in this year's Italian "Mille Miglia" road race, recently sent the first of their "Silverstone" sports models to the U.S. aboard the "Queen Elizabeth". This picture shows the "Hawley Silverstone" sports car being hoisted aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" at Southampton.

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Hague Debate

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SIGNING
CEREMONY

Batavia, December 8.
The new Indonesian constitution will be signed on the spot where the Nationalists proclaimed their independence from the Dutch four years ago.

The National Preparatory Committee said the ceremony will be held next Monday in President Sukarno's home here since it was here on August 17, 1945, that the independence of the Indonesian people was proclaimed. Independence was granted by the Dutch after bitter warfare.

The Committee said that an electoral body composed of Republicans and Federalists will leave next Thursday for Jogjakarta to elect the first President of the new United States of Indonesia which is the basis of its independence on December 27. There is little doubt that Dr. Sukarno will be the first President.

The new President then will select a three-man group which in turn will select the first cabinet.

The Committee's announcement noted that the Dutch-sponsored Federal states have approved the draft constitution and ratified the Hague agreement under which the Dutch surrender their rule.

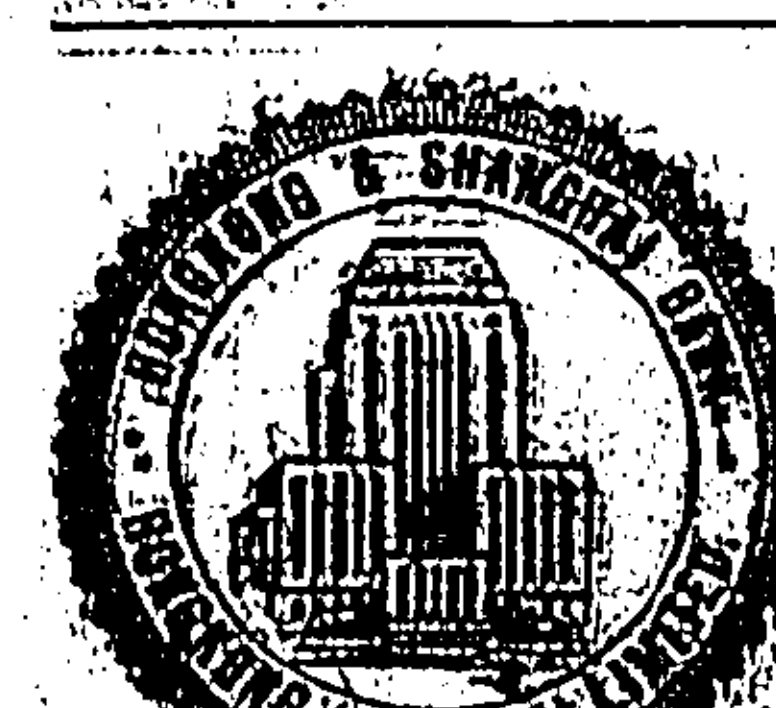
The Republic itself and five other Federal territories are expected to ratify the Hague agreement within the next few days. —United Press.

Athens, December 8.
Fifty-three political parties have already announced their intention of contesting the Greek general election next April. Associated Press.



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The Hague, December 8.
The Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, Mr. Johannes Van Maarseveen, told the Lower House today that it was wisest to come to terms with nationalism in South East Asia than to drive nationalism into the arms of Communism.

Speaking during the continued debate on the Bill for the transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia, Mr. Van Maarseveen said that only Russia would applaud if the results of the round-table conference on Indonesia were rejected.

"These results," he said, "are our last chance of co-operation and friendship with Indonesia and the outside world."

The Dutch people had believed that only a small minority in Indonesia were against us and the vast majority were waiting for us," the Minister said.

"The Dutch people did not have much understanding of nationalism."

"Now, however, there are large sections of the Dutch population who understand the situation and know that we can no longer dominate Indonesia."

The Minister said that the Dutch (militant) Muslims and the Communists were a great danger in Indonesia. But a rapid transfer of sovereignty would reduce the danger.

"We must equip the Republican Indonesian armed forces and enable them to maintain law and order," he said.

Threat To Resign

Referring to members' questions on the reported statement by the Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, that the Netherlands-Indonesian Union could be given up by either party at will, Mr. Van Maarseveen said that the Union agreement contained no stipulation on this point.

The Minister warned the House that the Government could take no responsibility whatever for the fatal and catastrophic consequences of rejection of the Bill and that, should this happen, the Government would draw its conclusions immediately.

Mr. Van Maarseveen said a new military action under a new Dutch Cabinet would make Holland's international position untenable.

"The situation that would then arise in Indonesia would bleed our people to death and the bill that would be presented by the new Cabinet would be terrible."

The new regime in Indonesia would be established even if Parliament rejected the results of the round-table conference but in a very different way.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Dirk Stikker, said that foreign influences had exerted pressure on the Government in Indonesian policy. He cited as examples the Australian waterside workers' boycott of Dutch shipping, the threat of a similar American boycott of Marshall Aid to Holland, and the Indian and Pakistani ban on Royal Dutch Airlines planes.

"The Dutch Government resisted foreign pressure to the utmost," the Foreign Minister said. "But I can now say with conviction that the international consequences of the rejection of the Bill before the House would be disastrous for us."

Disastrous Effects

This world would be able to compel Holland to recognize the independence of Indonesia on terms more unfavourable than those reached after laborious negotiations, he said. The effects of rejection would be disastrous in Indonesia.

On the assumption of the debate later in the day, the leader of the Anti-Revolutionary Party in the Second Chamber, Mr. Jan Scholten, told the Chamber that he would not support the Bill.

He said he supported a transfer of sovereignty, even at early transfer, but such a responsibility involved certain conditions being fulfilled. In his opinion, they had not been fulfilled.

Two Defeats
For French
Government

Paris, December 8.
The French Government, twice defeated today on the issue of increasing pensions for World War I ex-servicemen, tonight won a six-vote victory to secure the postponement of a debate on the matter.

The increase is demanded by the Communists.

By 299 votes to 293, the Assembly passed a motion inviting the Finance Committee to collaborate with the Government to increase the pensions in the 1950 Budget.

Reuter.

"We do not know exactly to whom we are transferring sovereignty," he said, adding that it was such a disordered political set-up in Indonesia that the sovereignty could not be transferred to it in the coming weeks.

Mr. Scholten's Party has a total of 13 votes in the second Chamber.

Catholic Support

The leader of the Catholic Party, Professor C. P. M. Romme, said that he had listened with pleasure to the Overseas Territories Minister's remark that he hoped that the Chamber would pass the draft Bill with a large majority in view of the impression that would make in Indonesia.

Professor Romme said that those voting in favour of the Bill should do so to prevent disastrous conditions in Indonesia and to save the only possibility for co-operation between the Netherlands and Indonesia.

They should not vote in favour for Party politics reasons.

A suggestion by one of the members that a new round-table conference should be convened, Professor Romme called an escape from reality.—Reuter.

Pact Approved

The Hague, December 8.
The Lower House today approved, 71-20, the Indonesian pact transferring sovereignty on January 1, 1950.

The vote was five more than the necessary two-thirds.—United Press.

BAXTROL
PASSES
TEST

Stockport, December 8.
Baxtrol, a new motor fuel invented by a British firm here, has passed its first road test as a reasonable substitute for petrol—but is unlikely to add much to the rationed mileage of Britain's 2,000,000 motorists.

The test, Baxtrol is on a gallon of petrol, but even at that price it is in danger of being controlled.

The Board of Trade have warned that the two ingredients of the new fuel, methanol and acetone, are needed in industry, and that production is limited.

In the test, Baxtrol was used in the prescribed ratio of three parts to one of petrol.

The results showed that engines were sluggish in acceleration, but cruised comfortably at 30 miles an hour on an ordinary fuel.

British motorists are allowed petrol for 20 miles a month for private use.—Reuter.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

U.S. Wants United Europe

There is a plain case of taxation without representation. For years I have been paying American taxes and, in return, I have been getting the Marshall Plan, gifts to Greece and loans to Latin America and now it is election day and I am barred from the ballot.

A pity. I should like to have voted for William O'Dwyer for Mayor and Herbert Lehman for United States Senator. Both are good friends of Britain, firm believers in the Anglo-American partnership.

I expect both men to win. Their Republican opponents, Newbold Morris, the Fusion (confusion) candidate for Mayor, and J. Foster Dulles, the globe-grubbing, foreign affairs expert, who wants the Senate seat, have not distinguished themselves in the election campaign.

Britain's Friends

They are trying to put back the American clock. They are out to kill President Truman's Fair Deal.

This is no ordinary local election. The issue is the Administration's entire Welfare State programme.

If O'Dwyer and Lehman win, President Truman will have finished the green light to march further and more quickly down the road built by Roosevelt.

If the Republicans win it will be a sign that the voters are turning against "statism."

Britain has not figured prominently in the election. All the candidates, except the Communist-tinged Vito Marcantonio, who is also running for mayor, are in favour of close ties between the United States and Britain; but O'Dwyer and Lehman seem to want to embrace us more ardently. Their record of aid, help, and comradeship is proved. If the people turn them down it could mean that the stream of dollars to Europe is beginning to dry up; it could mean further austerity and sacrifice for the British.

There is no great public enthusiasm, anyway, for shelling

out more money as long as our Socialists stay in power.

Instead, everyone is leaping eagerly on the "United Europe" hobby horse, which is a well-whipped nag.

Americans are saying to Europeans: "Look at us. We have 48 States, every race under the sun, every conceivable geographical barrier to unity, yet we are one nation—prosperous, free, and getting stronger and richer all the time."

"You have the resources, brains, and ability—why don't you form a United States of Europe and turn your own living instead of accepting handouts and doling them out?"

It is the obvious. If native, call it action, and we are wanted to be quick. We either form this United Europe by next week, working out the details over the week-end and getting the entire business into shape by Christmas, or face the consequences.

The old complaint that Britain is the chief obstacle to the economic integration of Europe has been revived.

And no one here or in Whitehall, seems able to erase this dreadful doubt of British intentions.

It is not that we are getting a hostile Press. No one is very angry with us—they are just very weary. The United States is so tired of Cripps and crises.

So business men and brokers "If Britain won't make dollars now, when the United States is booming and overflowing with money, what on earth is she going to do during an American slump?"

Think it over. I've thought it over and I do not like it. I do not like any sort of ultimatum, and there seem to be quite a few around just now.

The fact that New York is holding its election today has prompted our partners' (mainly) voice to ask why we are not holding our own election now.

Get your election over and then we can get down to business, say the dollar donors. Until you do there is bound to be weakness, uncertainty, lack of action, and confusion in your Government.

Art you listening, Mr. Attlee? These serious suggestions might merely be due to the stern sobriety of New York today. All bars, saloons, cocktail lounges and beer joints are closed. Liquor stores are locked, and American throats are dry.

I find the town tame. There is no election fever or fervour.

The rest of the country not so concerned with the polling and the voters as New York is, are greeted with optimism about the American future, now that the big strikes are being settled.

A fully fashioned booster campaign has everyone talking of a \$300,000,000,000 national income. At present it is about \$200,000,000,000.

Anybody's books and pamphlets flood the bookstalls forecasting two and even three, motor-cars for every family, swimming pools for most wages twice as big as now, and working week only half as long.

Limitless vistas of refrigerators, television sets, air-conditioning apparatus, automatic washing machines, electric stoves, and labour-saving devices stretch before the happy-eyed eyes.

Nothing, and certainly is prophesied about Europe's fate. Apparently the American of the next generation is to have everything, and everyone else nothing.

Hard around town Britain should not be upset by her lot. After all, she got nothing in East Africa, she got nothing in East Asia, she got nothing in East Europe, she got nothing in East Asia.

Forecasts, Paul Hoffman, chief Marshall Aid dispenser, is expected to resign within the next three months. Reason? President Truman has just asked him to form a new cabinet.

General Dwight

McCarthy will be Republican Presidential candidate at the next national election.

Business along Broadway has not been affected by business at the polling booths.

Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne have opened triumphantly in "Know My Love." Critics hail them as the world's greatest acting team.

The glittering opening has put life and glamour into the season, and the play itself is delectable. Leslie Banks, too, is wearing a laurel wreath. He has won a great personal success in "Lost in the Stars."

British achievements in the theatre apparently need to be duplicated before the film cameras. The Americans are all but burying our film industry.

And Ralph, Hall Caine, who nursed the original Film Quota Act through Parliament, says: "The British Government have gone crazy on the subject. They have gone further than any of us contemplated. The 10 per cent quota is much too high. Efforts to meet the quota have proved disastrous, and by turning out volume production we have got back to a modified form of the Quota."

Unwise Attacks

I cannot believe our predicament is as bad as the calamity howlers suggest. Arthur Rank whom I know has never struck me as a man who would lose his shirt on wild financing or reckless and extravagant projects.

I do not think Englishmen, whether Hall Caine or anyone else, should come here and run down British efforts. It is one thing to attack the Socialist Government in Britain, or to cable articles attacking it in British newspapers, but it is quite another to issue wholesale condemnations abroad for foreign consumption. Churchill never does it.

Footnote: Some British politicians in their letters to me appear to be standing against this Diary. The Column is not a candidate.

Tricky
Question
Avoided

Bomb, December 8.
The Western Allied High Commissioners today met the German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, and at the last moment decided not to broach the subject of a German army, according to reliable sources.

Informal quarters said the Commissioners had intended to call the Chancellor to task for his recent statements that he would not be averse to Western German participation in an international army.

The Commissioners are reported to be reluctant to undermine the Chancellor's prestige among the Germans by interfering unduly with his authority and independence of action and they believe the future about rearming Germany will die down if the question is ignored.—United Press.

CHURCHILL MAY
VISIT MADEIRA

Funchal, December 8.
Mr. Winston Churchill is expected to arrive in Madeira on January 1 for a fortnight's visit.

Great enthusiasm has been aroused by reports of Mr. Churchill's intended visit. It was stated by Mr. Churchill's London aide today that such a visit has been suggested but no definite plans for going abroad have been made.—Reuter.



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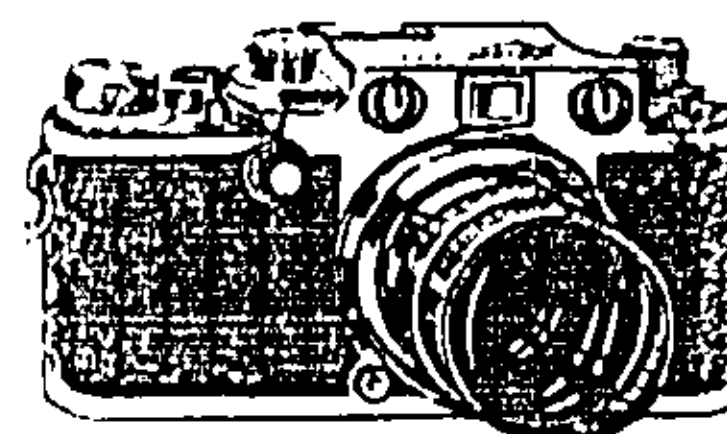
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puts forth a shoot
each month; a palm
with 12 shoots signi-
fied a year completed. The
Germans, with whom the
Christmas tree came to this
country, originally used
Egyptian pyramids in
place of palm trees,
which did not grow
in Germany.

Britain May Take Tobacco From India

London, December 8.
Britain in the coming years may well figure as a
big buyer of Indian tobacco, subject to price
and quality, British officials indicated today.

However, they refused to
disclose Britain's buying pro-
gramme for Indian tobacco
for fear that when manu-
facturers enter the market, sel-
lers would drive up the price
against them, regardless of
quality.

Dollars are allocated to British
manufacturers for purchases of
dollar tobacco and this puts a
rigid limit on what they can buy
from North America. British
manufacturers, therefore, are
turning more and more to Ster-
ling supplies of tobacco and In-
dian tobacco is an increasingly
useful supplement.

So far this year Britain has
received more than twice as
much of it as last year—enough
for about a seventh of Britain's
total consumption. Quality of the
Indian tobacco is said to have
improved greatly; otherwise,
manufacturers said today, they
would not have bought it.

Devaluation gives India and
other non-dollar suppliers a great
opportunity in the British market.
Since the price of dollar tobacco
has remained firm, Britain can
afford to pay up to 44 per cent
more than the pre-devaluation
Sterling equivalent of the dollar
price, to enable them to maintain
the same fixed prices for the
manufacturers.

Rhodesia remains the biggest
non-dollar supplier and a still
increasing one. But as her in-
crease this year has been much
less than India's her lead over
India in the British market has
narrowed sharply.
Manufacturers are said to hold
about 325,000,000 lbs. of tobacco
in stock from all sources which
is about normal for this time of
the year and which represents 19
months' supply at the current rate
of smoking, although they would
prefer to hold a still larger stock.

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TEL-AVIV DEADLOCK BROKEN

Tel-Aviv, December 8.
The deadlock in the finan-
cial talks between Britain and
Israel, which has persisted for
several months, was broken
today when both delegations
met at Kakiya, the Govern-
ment compound in Tel-Aviv.

Shortly before the meeting be-
gan an Israeli Foreign Office senior
official said that Britain had al-
ready handed over her reply to
an Israeli request to resume talks
for a new agreement on Israel's
outstanding Sterling balances.

He said that the British reply
consists in principle in an agree-
ment to resume talks.

This morning's meeting of the
two delegations, headed by the
British Minister to Israel, Sir
Alexander Knox Helm, and the
Director of the Israel Finance
Ministry, Mr. David Horowitz,
was intended to deal with claims
and counter-claims arising from
the ending of Britain's Palestine
mandate.

But informed sources here be-
lieve that the question of Israel's
estimated \$25,000,000 balance
will also be raised.

Israel circles declare that the
main difficulty so far has been a
British attempt to hold the re-
lease of Sterling balances as a
bargaining counter to speed the
overall financial talks.

They hoped that the present
two-fold development—the
affirmative reply on the resump-

ISRAEL WARNING ON HOLY CITY SCHEME

Flushing, December 8.
The Israeli Government said today that the
proposed internationalisation of the holy
places, approved by the temporary Political
Committee, is a plain violation of United
Nations principles and can only lead to con-
tinued bloodshed in the Holy Land.

Israel's appeal was made in a Press statement re-
leased as the United Nations Budget Com-
mittee met in an attempt to decide where the
money would come from to implement the
Committee recommendation.

The Israeli statement con-
tended that the present in-
ternationalisation plan would
plunge the United Nations
"into a sterile conflict with
the peoples whose rights and
aspirations it denies."

It served notice that its ap-
proval "can lead only to negation
of the essential objective—pro-
tection of holy places."

Israel asked once again that
the world organisation accept its
proposal—which it said is un-
precedented in history—for an
agreement extending UN super-
vision to holy places.

The statement said the present
plan "ignores experience and
reality. Failure to implement a
similar proposal in 1947 is tragically
marked in Jerusalem by the
graves of 1,490 Jews—men and
women and children—who fell
in Jerusalem's defence."

"Foredoomed"
"The plan violates a funda-
mental principle, for the United
Nations was established to
defend the right of all people
to govern themselves."

The Israeli statement continued,
"Proud of its membership in the
UN and hopeful that the inter-
national organisation's authority
and effectiveness will grow, Israel
appeals to international states-

manship to abandon the paper
proposal which will not bring
credit to the UN itself for it is
foredoomed to failure."

"Moreover it must be stressed
that the Arab authority in control
of almost all holy places refuses
to concede any title or function
to the UN whatsoever. Those who
support this resolution incur
heavy responsibility on two
counts; they undermine the
authority of the UN and they
leave the holy places without
adequate protection."

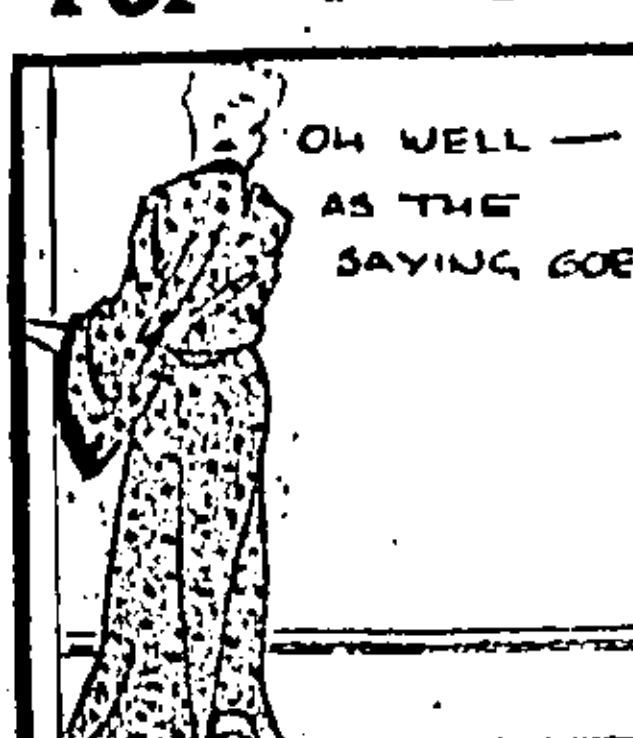
The General Assembly is ex-
pected to take up the contro-
versial "Jerusalem" question on
Friday morning as the last item
on its agenda before adjournment
—United Press.

SYRIAN MISSION IN PERSIA

Teheran, December 8.
A Syrian Military Mission
headed by Colonel Mohammed
Hassan is now in Persia, it was
officially disclosed here today. The
Mission consists of 11 officers of
the Syrian Army representing all
branch branches.

The Mission's aim is to become
familiar with Persian military es-
tablishments and the organisation
of the Persian Army, the Syrian
Charge d'Affaires in Persia, Dr.
Farid El Khani, told Reuters.
—Reuters.

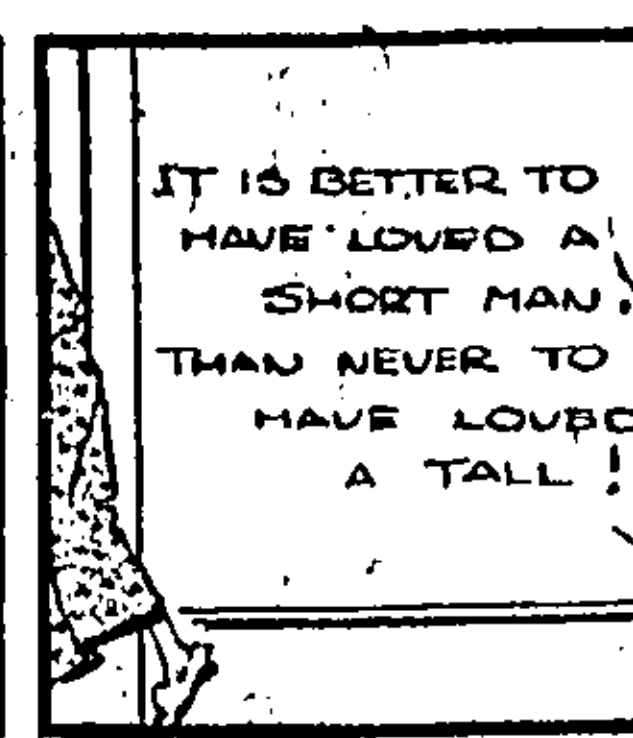
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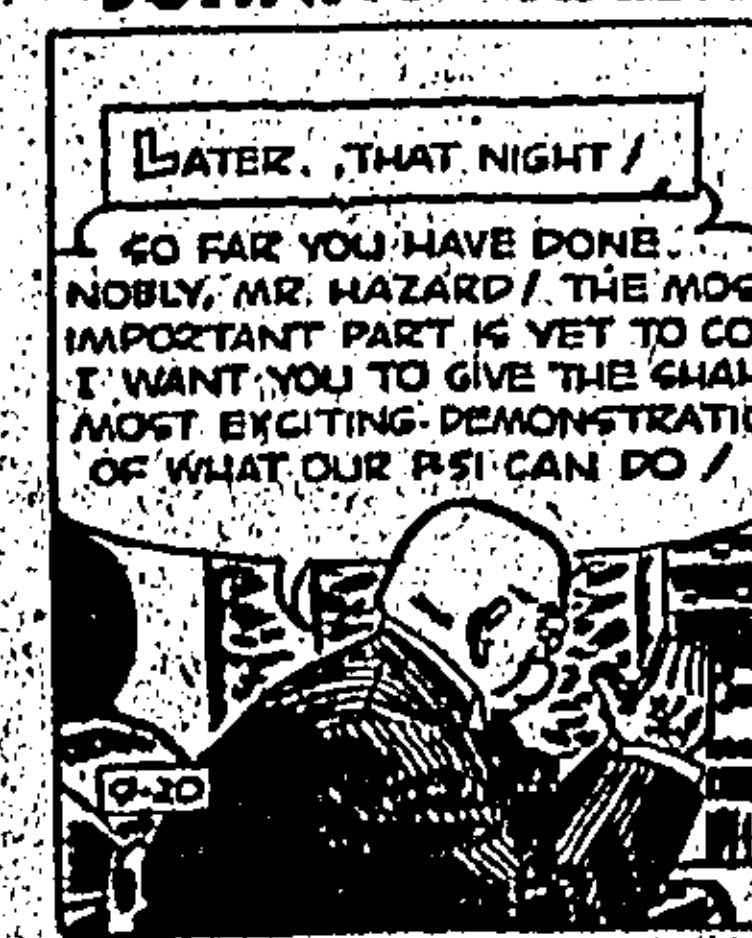
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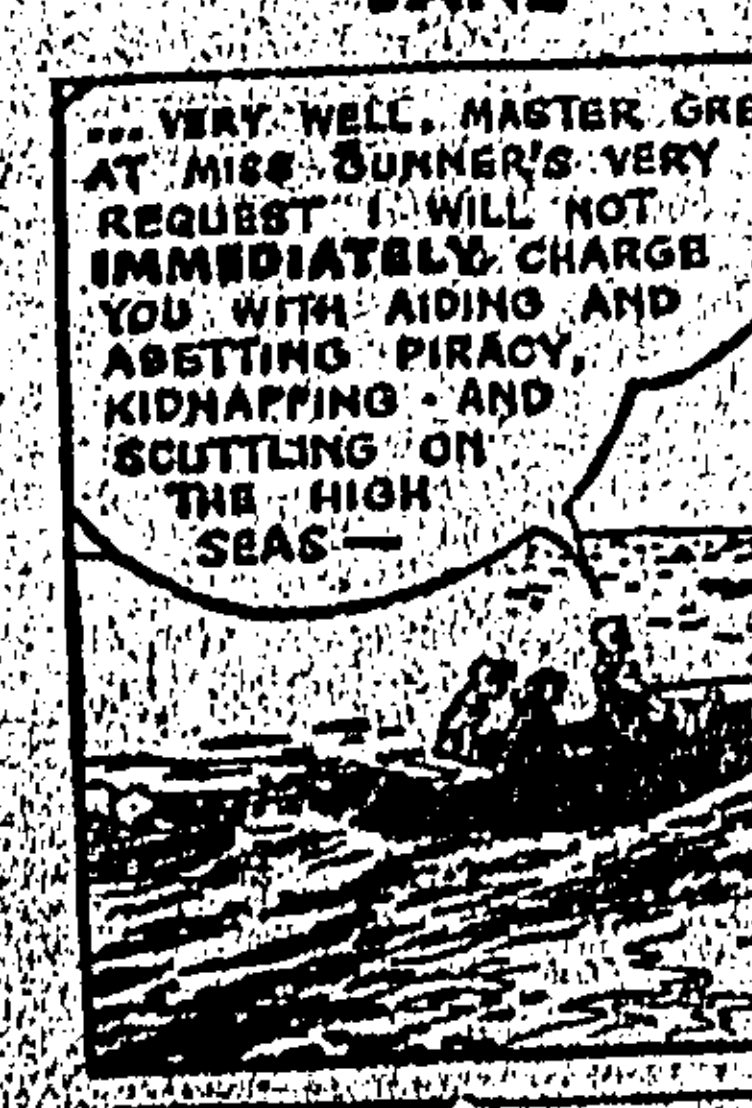


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